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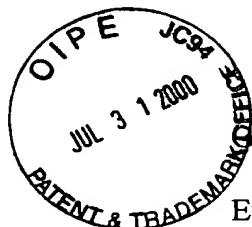
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

DUNICAN et al.

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FOR: NEW NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE TAL GENE

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July 31, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~On page 1, following the title, insert~~

~~--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~

~~1. Field of the Invention--.~~

~~On page 1, line 7, change "Prior art" to --2. Background Information--.~~

~~On page 2, line 16, change "Biological [sic]" to --Biological--.~~

~~On page 3, prior to line 1, insert~~

~~--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--~~

~~On page 4, lines 25-26, change "are [sic]" to --is--.~~

~~On page 10, line 9, delete "or [sic]"; on line 27, delete "or"; on line 28, delete "[sic]"~~

~~(first occurrence) and delete "or [sic]".~~

~~On page 11, line 8, change "Oligonukleotide [sic]" to --Oligonucleotide--.~~